



City of Lincoln
Parking Services: On-Street Parking

Frequently Asked Questions



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What is the fine for parking in a designated handicapped-parking stall without a handicapped-parking permit?

The City of Lincoln respects the needs of individuals who are either temporarily or permanently handicapped. To ensure that sufficient parking is available, fines become increasingly more expensive based on the number of violations within a given year. The first offense will cost \$97.75, the second will be \$197.75, and the third will be \$297.75. This rate structure plus the \$2.25 administrative cost are in accordance with [City Ordinance 10.32.020](#).

Why is it against the law to put more money in a meter once the time limit has expired?

This is called "replugging the meter" and although the meter can't prevent you from doing so, [City Ordinance 10.34.050](#) does make it unlawful and you may receive a parking ticket. Parking meters are placed downtown to ensure turnover for businesses in that area. If turnover does not exist, patrons looking for a parking space close to a specific business will be discouraged and go somewhere else. Fees collected at the meters go back to the parking revenue fund to pay for new technology, parking studies, maintenance, construction, and staffing.

How can I get the time limits changed on the parking meters in front of my business or request a loading zone?

Make a note of the meter numbers located on the post, what side of the street the meters are on, and what streets the meters are between. Also, indicate what you want the time limit changed to and why you want the time limit changed. Send the required information to:

Allen K. Lee
Dept. of Public Works
531 Westgate Blvd, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68528

or
alee@lincoln.ne.gov

The City will review the information and decide if the request is valid. An appropriate explanation will be given if the request cannot be accommodated.

What can I do to restrict or prohibit parking in a residential area?



A parking petition entitled "**PARKING CHANGES ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS**" must be filled out and returned to the Division of Traffic Operations at the address listed on the petition. At which time it will be reviewed for the proper owners and the proper frontage signatures. If everything is in order and there is no other reason (i.e. safety, etc) that the request should not be approved, proper signage will be installed.

How long may a vehicle be parked in the same place when there are no other prohibitions or restrictions in effect?

There is a 24-hour time limit for any vehicle to remain unmoved on the same side of a street within a given block. This is established within [City Ordinance 10.32.190](#) and is enforced in any part of the City.

Can I park vehicles in an alley?

Vehicles are not permitted to park in an alley unless it is being used for delivery purposes. Once the vehicle is parked, it is only allowed to remain legally during the time of loading or unloading. Some alleys have posted signage indicating the period and length of time for legal parking. According to [City Ordinance 10.32.150](#), it is unlawful for any person to operate, stop, park, or leave a vehicle in violation of these conditions.

Can I park vehicles in the front yard of a residence?

According to [City Ordinance 10.32.270](#), vehicles are not permitted to park on any portion of a required front yard.

Can I park a motor home on a public street in a residential area?

A motor home that exceeds 21 feet in length or 7 feet in width will not be allowed to park on a public street for a period longer than 2 hours in any residential zone. The 2-hour limit is set to allow for loading or unloading only. [City Ordinance 10.32.070](#) presents the full requirements for parking vehicles on the street adjacent to residentially zoned property.

What are the regulations when parking along side school property?

When school is in session, a vehicle is not allowed to remain for longer than 10 minutes with the operator in the vehicle. This is enforceable along street sides that are next to school property according to [City Ordinance 10.32.350](#).

How close to an intersection can I park my vehicle?

In residential areas you may not park within 42 feet of the adjacent street indicating no parking areas. In general, a vehicle should remain at least 25 feet back from a stop sign or traffic signal, pedestrian crosswalk, and/or the property lines. See [City Ordinance 10.32.310](#) for more specific guidelines.

How long can I park in a loading zone?

Since loading zones are meant for loading passengers, merchandise, or materials, they must be kept open for that purpose. Passenger vehicles are allowed to stop, park, or stand in a loading zone for no more than five minutes. There is a thirty minute time limit for all other vehicles loading or unloading passengers, merchandise, or materials. For more specific information on loading zones, reference [City Ordinance 10.32.280](#).

